

I Claim:

1. A method for controlling the flow of information in a distributed computing system, said method comprising:
 - 5 controlling the outgoing flow of information including requests and responses on a network connection to that no information is sent before previous portions of information are received to minimize connection latency;
controlling the stream of requests arriving on the connection and arbitrating which of said arriving requests should be broadcast to neighbors; and
 - 10 controlling monopolization of the connection by any particular request/response information stream by multiplexing the competing streams according to some fairness allocation rules.